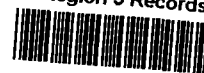




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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: SR-6J

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND USPS

June 29, 2007

Jennifer Hale
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Re: Emergency Response for Plainwell Mill Banks under United States-Weyerhaeuser
Company Consent Decree, Docket No. 1:05CV003

Dear Ms. Hale:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 (Region 5) has reviewed Weyerhaeuser's proposal to conduct emergency response actions to "prevent, abate, or minimize" a potential release of Waste Material from the banks of the Plainwell Inc. Mill Property (Mill), in accordance with Paragraph 67 of the *Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit #4 and the Plainwell Inc. Mill Property of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site*, Docket No. 1:05CV003 (CD). (See letter from Weyerhaeuser to Region 5 dated June 28, 2007.)

Region 5 understands that Weyerhaeuser has determined that certain work to be performed in connection with the time-critical removal action at the Plainwell impoundment threatens the release of Waste Material, as that term is defined in the CD, from the banks of the Mill. Based on Weyerhaeuser's determination, Region 5 authorizes Weyerhaeuser to conduct such response activities as are necessary to "prevent, abate, or minimize" the potential release of Waste Material from the banks of the Mill under paragraph 67 of the CD.

Region 5 expects the design concept, data needs, data quality objectives, and scope of work for the activities will be submitted for our review and approval in the near future. Should you have any questions with regard to any of these tasks, please do not hesitate to contact me at 312.886.1434.

Sincerely,

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